

Northeastern Minnesota Route Assessment and Environmental Assessment

Errata – The following changes were made to the final version of the document.

Preferred Alternative Map-Page 21- Revision in response to Chippewa National Forest (NF) and public comments suggesting that the connecting corridor be widened in places to increase flexibility for locating a route for new trail development

The Preferred Alternative Map was revised in response to comments received by mail and during the public open houses. Portions of the proposed corridor were widened. The revised map is included in these errata.

3.9.1 Ceded Lands-Page 33-Additional Information- In response to 1854 Authority comments requesting description of treaty ceded lands, the following paragraph is added

The 1854 Ceded Territory encompasses all of Lake and Cook Counties, most of St. Louis and Carleton County and portions of Pine and Aitkin Counties. Under the treaty of 1854 three bands (Boise Forte, Grand Portage, and Fond du Lac) reserved the right to hunt, fish, and gather in the 1854 Ceded Territory. The exercise of these rights continues today in the 1854 Ceded Territory. The Boise Forte reservation was established under the Treaty of 1866.

4.4 Impacts on Northeastern Minnesota Biological Resources-Page 41- In response to Superior NF comments requesting inclusion by reference of the Region 9 sensitive species list and specific reference to three species of concern, the following paragraph is added to the end of this section and Appendix 6 is added to the document

The Forest Service is concerned that there may be impacts to osprey, great blue heron, and the common loon. These species are included in the revised Superior National Forest Plan. The trail can, and should be designed to preclude any impacts to these species. Forest Service planning for new trail segments in the connecting corridor can assess potential impacts to these species and route new segments accordingly.

4.6 Impacts on Northeastern Minnesota Community Resources-Page 43-Additional Information - In response to Superior NF comments, the following paragraph is revised to include the sentence in ***Bold and Italics***

Impacts within the connecting corridor:

There is significant local, regional, and national support for the preferred alternative. Availability of a national scenic trail in this region could provide additional recreational visitors to the area accompanied with minor positive economic impacts to local

communities and businesses along the route. Costs related to construction, operation, and maintenance of the trail on public lands would be a part of the normal budgeting of the specific managing agency. ***Due to current funding and personnel limitations the Superior NF may require additional funding to complete the necessary NEPA and actual trail construction work.*** Most of the actual trail construction and maintenance is generally done by volunteers and would not result in a significant economic impact on the planning area, although there may be some additional spending by volunteers while working in the area. In general, there would be beneficial impacts on the communities along this corridor caused by construction of the trail as proposed in this alternative. The impacts would be minor and continuing.

Appendix 3-Known Historical Sites and Structures in Project Area

Add the following site to Appendix 3 under Itasca County

Joyce Estate—potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places

Additional Appendix-In response to Superior NF comments, the following Appendix is added to the document

Appendix 6 - Forest Service Region 9 Sensitive Species List

The Forest Service Region 9 Sensitive Species List is incorporated by reference. This list may be found at the following web site: www.fs.fed.us/r9/wildlife/tes/tes_lists.htm

Typographical Corrections – During the course of public meetings and public written comments, a number of typographical errors were found. The following corrections to the draft document should be made as noted:

3.10.2 Superior National Forest

Second paragraph, last sentence – “The Superior NF would continue to **manage** the trail on the basis of established Forest Policies and the applicable standards and guidelines.” The word was incorrectly spelled “**mange**”.

Throughout the document - Correct “**Vermillion Lake**” to “**Vermilion Lake**” (only one “l”).

Page 38, last bullet on this page - Correct it to read:

- Cost of construction and operation of new trail. **This issue is discussed in section 4.6.** [It incorrect cited section **4.7.**

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